

Legend

Refuge Boundaries

Approved Boundary
Refuge Managed Lands
(Fee Title)

Conceptual Refuge Boundary Changes

Study Area for Refuge Boundary Expansion
Priority Habitats within the Study Area

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has authority to acquire land or conservation easements on behalf of the National Wildlife Refuge System only within an approved refuge boundary. When a boundary is approved, the Service has no authority to manage or protect fish, wildlife or habitat on a given property unless the property owner willingly enters into an agreement with the Service. Under all alternatives, the Service would continue to negotiate with willing sellers to acquire lands within the approved refuge boundary. Under the preliminary draft Alternative C, the Service would propose to expand the approved refuge boundary to include part or all of the mapped study area.

